1. Scholarships for The Academy for Spiritual Formation® from The Upper Room® are intended for those who would not be able to participate without this financial support. The only source of funding for these scholarships is donations from previous participants in the Academy. The Upper Room does not receive any money from The United Methodist Church or any other denomination for this purpose.

2. Participants are expected to be actively involved in securing the funding they need for the Academy; therefore, they are encouraged to seek financial support from other sources as well. Local church, denominational agencies, individuals or groups may assist if asked, and it’s important to ask.

3. Please note that you may adjust the payment schedule. This may be particularly helpful for people expecting an annual continuing education grant or a scholarship from another source.

4. To apply for a scholarship from The Upper Room, here is process you are asked to follow:
   a. Select the Academy you wish to participate in and begin completing the application. Note that three reference letters are required. Talk with family, friends and colleagues about your interest in the Academy. Do you have a sense that God is calling you to participate in the Academy at this time?
   b. If you want to talk over your financial needs with the Academy Director before you complete your application, please feel free to do so; however, scholarships cannot be determined before your application has been received and processed by the leadership team (just as a scholarship to a college or university cannot be determined before you apply).
   c. Complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Academy Director before the scholarship application deadline. The Academy Director may call you and talk with you about your scholarship application.
   d. When a scholarship is granted, the Academy Director notifies the Academy team member responsible for collecting fees. Funds are transferred directly to your account and are divided equally across all eight sessions such that your tuition payment for each session is reduced the same amount.

5. Scholarships from The Upper Room are granted on a one-time basis and will be spread evenly over the course of the entire Academy (i.e. – a $1,000 scholarship would result in a credit of $125/session of the Academy). Since the Academy experience requires full participation to receive the most benefit and since these funds are provided by donors to enable attendance by those who otherwise could not, non-attendance at a session will result in a forfeiture of that session's portion of any Upper Room scholarship.

6. Applicants who fall seriously behind in their payment schedule, even with the help of an Upper Room scholarship, need to talk with the Academy Director immediately to prayerfully consider options.

Please return completed and signed application to: The Upper Room/Academy, ATTN: Johnny Sears, PO Box 340004, Nashville, TN 37203 or fax to 615-340-7257.
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

DATE_________________________________ ACADEMY # ____________________

NAME ________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS ______________________________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP __________________________________________________________

PHONE: HOME __________________________ WORK __________________________

E-MAIL ___________________________ FAX __________________________________

ARE YOU CLERGY _______________________ LAY ____________________________

EMPLOYER ______________________________________________________________

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
(This information will be kept confidential)

1. ANNUAL SALARY INCOME FOR YOUR FAMILY _____________________________

2. OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME FOR YOUR FAMILY __________________________

3. TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME _______________________________________________

SPECIAL FAMILY NEEDS (Financial) _________________________________________

THE COST OF THE ACADEMY

Tuition, room and board (total for 2 years) $ ________________________________

SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THE ACADEMY

Local church: continuing ed. or scholarship funds $ _____________________________
(Note that you may be able to apply for three years of continuing ed. funds)

Continuing education funds from your judicatory $ _____________________________
(Conference, District, Presbytery funds. UM clergy may qualify for Ministerial
Education Funds through their Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Note that you
may be able to apply for three years of continuing ed. funds.)

Denominational funding $ _____________________________
(please contact your denomination’s headquarters)
United Methodist Women scholarship $ ______________________
(Scholarship application & guidelines on Academy website/about/downloads)
or contact via Email: grants@unitedmethodistwomen.org
Telephone: +1 (212) 870 3738

Congregations in your area with scholarship funds $ ______________________
(contact District Superintendent or other official)

Ethnic minority funding (if applicable) $ ______________________

Family and friends who want to invest in your spiritual journey $ ______________________
(Local church women’s and men’s groups may be supportive.)

Other sources $ ______________________

Your personal investment in your Academy $ ______________________

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED FROM ALL SOURCES ABOVE: $ ______________________

Check here if you are applying for matching funds from your Conference____________

THE UPPER ROOM SCHOLARSHIPS

Recognizing that it is my personal responsibly to secure the funding needed to complete the Academy, I wish to apply for a scholarship from The Upper Room in the amount of

$ ______________________

Comments ________________________________________________________

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Signature________________________________________ Date ______________________

Comments from the Director ____________________________________________

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Amount granted $ _________ Date _________ Signature ______________________

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